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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/586,278	O'ROURKE ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	David B. Jones	3725	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) none is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 15-30 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3-10 and 12-14 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>7/18/2006</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Anderson et al. 4,406,379. Anderson teaches (Figs. 4 and 5) the claimed cable carrier including a monolithic body having a first side generally at 21 and a second side generally at 32 which are opposite and spaced from each other, a first edge at 30/42 which is common to both sides 21/32, and free edges on both the sides at 22 and 38 respectively for releasably connecting the two sides together.

2. Claims 1, 2, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Santucci et al. 5,728,976. Santucci teaches (Figs. 3 and 4) the claimed cable carrier including a monolithic body having a first side generally at 14 and a second side generally at 18 which are opposite and spaced from each other, a first edge at 38 which is common to both sides 14/18, and free edges on both the sides at 16 and 24 respectively for releasably connecting the two sides together.

3. Claims 3-10 and 12-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

4. Claims 15-30 are allowed.

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5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David B. Jones whose telephone number is 571 272 4518.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dana Ross, can be reached on 571 272-4480. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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